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world have we women, nurses, played such a wonderful part in time of war. Florence Nightingale created the profession of nursing out of the chaos of the Crimean War and we are going to create a greater profession, a higher standing for nurses out of the chaotic conditions of this world war. Every woman who is not a nurse envies us. The society ladies and women of position and affluence would love to take our places and nurse their loved ones, only they do not know how. We know how and it is great to fill the most important position, an aid to humanity, in a hospital ward of the upside down world of today. I would not be anywhere else. Everything we do in the Army is interesting, especially now that we must help, we women, nurses, to do our share in creating a new world, that in which brother-love rules.

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### PATRIOT OR SLACKER?

BY MARY H. HUMPHREY, U. S. N.

If patriotism means anything to American men and women, it must mean, at this time, surrender of self-interest, and an earnest desire to serve one's country in whatever capacity an individual is best prepared. To the nursing profession, this patriotism should have the same appeal that it has to every able-bodied man. All graduate nurses should feel it a duty to their country to offer themselves to one of the three branches of the national service, the Army, the Navy or the Red Cross. To do this may involve financial loss and more or less self-sacrifice, but it is the one service nurses can best render their country and the need for those services is so great that all who indifferently neglect to offer themselves must be classed with the "slackers."

To serve at the front is a great privilege and a wonderful experience, but no greater or more wonderful, from an humanitarian standpoint, than to serve in the hospitals of the Naval Stations or in the Army Cantonments. The patients in these hospitals are largely young men, who in the hardening process incident to the change in living conditions in the camps, as compared with the comforts and luxuries of their home life, succumb to the attacks of the various germs which are found to prevail where so large a number of men are massed together.

They need more careful nursing at this period in their military career than later, when nature has been fortified by severe muscular exercises, plain nourishing food, and the body hardened by exposure.

The urgent need, as expressed recently by the Surgeon General of the Army, for 5000 nurses to volunteer for service, should inspire every nurse with such patriotic fervor, that more than the number called for will respond.



Entrance to Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California